



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for FEBRUARY 25, 2021, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 25, 2021, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Maroney, Grady, Azinger, Roberts, Rucker, Stover, Takubo, Weld, Woodrum, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings, Unger

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Grady, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

SB387 – Relating to drug screening of applicants for cash assistance

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who briefly presented Senate Bill 387 relating to drug screening of applicants for cash assistance, which was laid over in previous meeting held on February 23, 2021. With leave of the Committee, Kelly Allen was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Ms. Allen addressed the Committee regarding Senate Bill 387.

Senator Stollings asked permission of the Chairman to allow JoAnna Vance address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, JoAnna Vance was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Ms. Vance addressed the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee regarding Senate Bill 387.

Senator Stollings moved to amend the bill to strike the use of marijuana. Senator Rucker questions Senator Stollings regarding his proposed amendment. Senators Rucker and Azinger speak in opposition of Senator Stollings' proposed amendment. Senator Lindsay addressed Committee in support of Senator Stollings' proposed amendment. Chairman Maroney put forth the question on the adoption of the amendment to Senate Bill 387 proposed by Senator Stollings. The amendment was rejected.

Senator Lindsay moved to amend the bill to remove language giving the Secretary of DHHR the ability to administer the program after December 31, 2022 and responds to questions from Senator Grady. Chairman Maroney put forth the question on the adoption of the amendment to Senate Bill 387 proposed by Senator Lindsay. The amendment was adopted. Division was called. Chairman Maroney asked for a show of hands in favor of the amendment. Seven (7) Senators raised their hand in favor of Senator Lindsay's amendment. Chairman Maroney asked for a show of hands of those opposed to the amendment. Six (6) Senators raised their hand in opposition to the amendment. Chairman Maroney asked counsel to enroll the amendment into a

committee substitute. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady, who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 387 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

SB334 – Establishing license application process for harm reduction program

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 334 establishing license application process for harm reduction program along with a proposed committee substitute. Senator Tarr, sponsor of the bill, addressed the Committee in support of Senate Bill 334.

The Chairman recognized Senator Grady who moved to recess until 15 minutes following the adjournment of the Judiciary and Finance meetings. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

Meeting reconvened at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The Chairman addressed the Committee regarding Senator Tarr's opening remarks as sponsor of Senate Bill 334. Senator Plymale made a request to the Chairman to allow Angela Gray to speak, but Ms. Gray had not yet joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Senator Stollings requests permission from the Chairman for Dr. Judith Feinberg (Professor of Behavioral Medicine & Psychiatry, WVU Medicine) to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Dr. Judith Feinberg was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Dr. Feinberg addressed the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee regarding Senate Bill 334.

Senator Plymale requests permission of the Chairman to allow Kevin Yingling, MD (former Dean of Marshall University Medical School and current professor) to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Dr. Kevin Yingling was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Dr. Yingling addressed the Committee in opposition of Senate Bill 334 and responded to questions from the Committee.

Senator Grady requests permission of the Chairman to allow Jeni Riser to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Jeni Riser was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and addressed the Committee regarding Senate Bill 334.

With leave of the Committee, Dr. Susan Bissett, President of the WV Drug Intervention Institute, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Dr. Bissett addressed the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee regarding Senate Bill 334.

Senator Plymale requests permission from the Chairman to allow Richie Sutphin, Executive Director of WV Rural Health Association, to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Richie Sutphin was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Mr. Sutphin addressed the Committee in opposition of Senate Bill 334.

Senator Rucker requests permission of the Chairman to allow Jeremiah Samples, Deputy Secretary, DHHR, to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Jeremiah Samples was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney and responded to questions from the Committee regarding Senate Bill 334.

Senator Unger advises the Chairman that he would like to present questions to Ayne Amjad MD, State Health Officer, at the appropriate time that she is called to address the Committee. The Chairman asks Dr. Amjad to address the Committee and respond to questions regarding Senate Bill 334. With leave of the Committee, Dr. Amjad was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Dr. Amjad addressed the Committee and responded to numerous questions from several of the Senators.

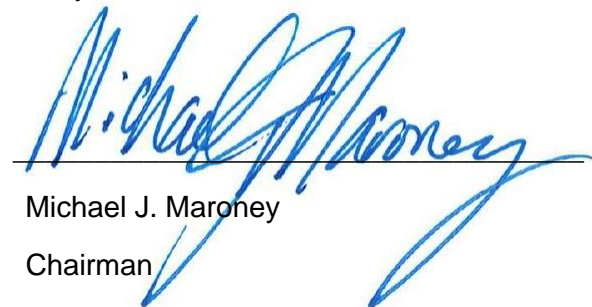
Senator Plymale requests permission of the Chairman to allow Angela Gray, Nurse Director for Berkley/Morgan County Health Department, to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Ms. Gray was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Ms. Gray addressed the Committee and responded to questions regarding Senate Bill 334.

Senator Stollings requests permission of the Chairman to allow Michael Kilkenny, MD, CEO and Health Officer for Cabell-Huntington Health Department, to address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Dr. Kilkenny was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Dr. Kilkenny addressed the Committee in opposition of Senate Bill 334.

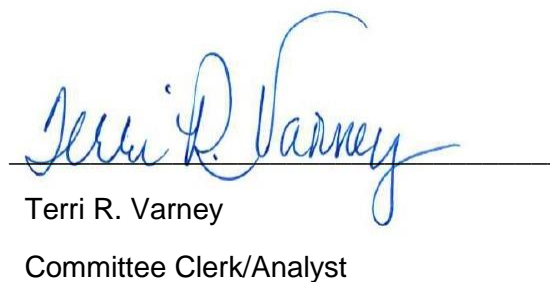
The Chairman advised that the Committee had heard from numerous speakers in favor and in opposition to Senate Bill 334 and extensive information had been provided to the Committee to form an educated opinion. Therefore, no other speakers would be called to address the Committee regarding this bill.

The Chairman recognized Senator Grady, who moved to lay over Senate Bill 334. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned on Motion of Senator Grady.



Michael J. Maroney
Chairman



Terri R. Varney
Committee Clerk/Analyst



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Kelly Allen, Director - WV Center on
Print Witness Name Budget & Policy

Jessie R. Varney
Testimony Attested to by Committee
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ToAnna Vance, Co-Director - Raleigh Co.
Print Witness Name Recovery Advocacy Project

Kevin R. Varney

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Judith Feinberg, MD - WVU Medicine
Print Witness Name Professor of Behavioral Medicine & Psychiatry

Jenni Q. Varney

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Kevin Yingling, MD - Marshall University
Print Witness Name School of Medicine

Jessie R. Darnay
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Jeni Burns Riser

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Jeri R. Vanney

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Dr. Susan Bissett, President
Print Witness Name WV Drug Intervention
Institute

Julie R. Varney
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Richie Sutphin, Executive Director
WV Rural Health Association
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Terri Q. Varney
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Jeremiah Samples, Deputy Secretary
DHHR
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Ayne Amjad, MD - State Health Officer

Print Witness Name

Allen R. Varney

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Angela Coray, Nurse Director
Print Witness Name Berkley-Morgan County
Health Dept.

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Michael Kilkenny MD, CEO and Health Officer
Cabell-Huntington Health
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